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SUBJECT: REVISED POLICY GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH TERRORISM

ABROAD

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ATTENTION: PRESS AND CULTURAL OFFICERS

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH AGENCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES

YOU SHOULD READ REFERENCE MESSAGE CAREFULLY AND NOTE IN PARTICULAR SECTIONS ON PRESS GUIDANCE AND U.S. POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS IN HOSTAGE SITUATIONS.

2. PRESS SECTION CONTAINS GENERAL GUIDANCE CRUCIAL TO ANY TERRORIST SITUATION. IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER AT MISSION AND IN LIGHT OF LOCA REQUIREMENTS. (SEE ENCLOSURE NO. 3 IN A775.)

3. IN SECTIONS ON HOSTAGE SITUATIONS (SEE ENCLOSURES 2, 3 AND 4, IN A-775) FOLLOWING SHOULD BE NOTED AMONG OTHER POINTS:

A. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE SAFETY OF ALL AMERICAN KIDNAP AND HIJACKING VICTIMS FOREMOST.

B. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS EMPLOYER, HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS CAUGHT IN TERRORIST SITUATIONS.

C. WHILE MAINTAINING A FIRM PUBLIC POLICY, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RULE OUT NEGOTIATING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS. NEGOTIATION IS NOT SURRENDER TO BLACKMAIL.

D. THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO EFFECT THE SAFE RELEASE OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES, WHETHER THEY ENJOY DIPLOMATIC STATUS OR NOT.

E. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE: THE SAFE RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES BY WHATEVER MEANS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

F. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HESITATE TO COUNSEL THE HOST GOVERNMENT ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE RESCUE OPERATION.

4. IN SUMMARY--THE U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE SAFETY OF ALL AMERICANS AS PARAMOUNT. WE ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO TRY TO REACH A SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OUTLINED IN THE REFERENCE MESSAGE. WHEN DANGER HAS PASSED WE URGE PURSUIT, EXTRADITION, PROSECUTION OF TERRORISTS.
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5. AGENCY CONSIDERING VARIOUS ASPECTS TERRORIST PROBLEM. WILL COMMENT FURTHER IN SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES AND SUPPLY THE FIELD WITH RELEVANT BRIEFING MATERIALS WHEN AVAILABLE. STATE ALSO IS PREPARING ADDITIONAL POLICY GUIDANCE IN LIGHT RECENT TERRORIST EPISODES. INGERSOLL

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